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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A multi-port selective blocking device comprising:  
one or more interface emulators configured to emulate an interface  
presented by a storage device and configured to connect to a host, for the  
purpose of reading and writing (Write Unblocked);  
one or more interface emulators configured to emulate an interface  
presented by a storage device and configured to connect to a host, for the  
purpose of reading only (Write Blocked);  
an interface for connecting to a storage device; and  
a processor coupled to the interface emulators and the interface, the  
processor examining commands received through the interface emulator that are  
generated by the host and intended for the storage device, the processor  
allowing the storage device to receive all commands from a Write Unblocked  
interface emulator, the processor allowing only those commands from a Write  
Blocked interface emulator that are commands recognized by the processor as  
not modifying a storage state of the storage device, wherein  
the multi-port selective blocking device is transparent to normal operation  
of the hosts and the storage device.

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3. (canceled).

4. (canceled).

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended) The blocking device of claim ~~40~~ 2, further including:

a temporary storage device coupled to the processor, the processor storing data from a Write Blocked host corresponding to the dropped commands in the temporary storage device.

11. (currently amended) The blocking device of claim ~~40~~ 2, wherein when read commands are received from a Write Blocked host that refer to data stored in the temporary storage device, the processor returns the data from the

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temporary storage device to the host.

12. (canceled).

13. (canceled).

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22. (canceled).

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